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SUBJ: NUMBERS OF AFRICAN REFUGEES

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1. BY FAR THE LARGEST REFUGEE CONTINGENT IN CAMEROON CONSISTS OF SEVERAL THOUSANDS EQUATORIAL GUINEANS WHO ARE SETTLING IN SOUTHWEST CAMEROON FROM DOUALA SOUTH TO THE BORDER WITH EQUATORIAL GUINEA(EG). ESTIMATES OF THE SIZE OF THIS GROUP VARY WIDELY BECAUSE THE REGION IN QUESTION (OTHER THAN THE DOUALA ENVIRONS) IS UNDEVELOPED AND SPARSELY INHABITED AND BECAUSE MANY EG REFUGEES HAVE BEEN ASSIMILATED AND HENCE NO LONGER REFUGEES IN CLASSIC SENSE. UP TO PRESENT GURC HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLICLY ANY EG REFUGEES HOPING TO AVOID RAISING SENSITIVE ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN FACT, RECENT CENSUS DID NOT INDICATED CATEGORY LABELED EQUATORIAL GUINEANS. POST'S GUESSTIMATE IS BETWEEN 10,000 AND 15,000. SOME SOURCES GO AS HIGH AS 30,000. UN REFUGEE OFFICIAL IN YAOUNDE AVOIDED NUMBERS BUT DESCRIBED THE REGION AS "FULL OF EQUATORIAL GUINEANS" AND DID NOT DEMUR WHEN EMBOFF ESTIMATED 15,000.

2. UNDP CAMEROON HAS A \$10,000 CY-77 BUDGET FOR REFUGEE ACTIVITIES:

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\$6,000 EARMARKED FOR EG REFUGEES (WHICH UN OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGES IS WOEFULLY INADEQUATE AND HOPES TO OBTAIN MORE FOR FY-78. FUNDS ARE CHanneled THROUGH PROTESTANT MISSION ORGANIZATION IN YAOUNDE) AND \$4,000 FOR SMALL NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN TRANSIT (ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, ETHIOPIA AND LESOTHO WERE MENTIONED). SIXTY EG REFUGEES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RELOCATED FROM CAMEROON TO SPAIN AND UN IS SETTLING NINE NAMIBIANS IN

BUEA (SW CAMEROON).
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